

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a crimped multicomponent fiber containing at least two polymer components arranged in a crimpable configuration in distinct zones or
5 segments across the cross-section of the fiber wherein one component comprises a dielectrically susceptible material. The invention also provides methods for producing the *crimped multicomponent fibers and for forming web materials containing the crimped* multicomponent fibers, and provides absorbent articles comprising the crimped multicomponent fibers and web materials.